

REMARKS

Claims 3-10 are pending in the present application.

At the outset, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Henry for recognizing that Claim 6 is free of the art of record as evidenced by the fact that this claim has not been rejected over any of the cited art. Consistent with this recognition, Applicants have amended the claims to depend from Claim 6. Reconsideration of the outstanding rejections is requested in view of the amendments and remarks herein.

The rejection of Claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is obviated by amendment.

Applicants have amended the claims to be free of the Examiner's criticisms. Specifically, Claims 1 and 2 are canceled herein. Claim 6 has been amended to define the term "low molecular weight" by adding specific molecular weight values. Further, the objectionable phrase in Claim 5 has now been clarified.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants request withdrawal of this ground of rejection.

The rejections of: (a) Claims 1-3 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Balazs et al; (b) Claims 1-3 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Hvidberg et al; (c) Claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and/or 35 U.S.C §103(a) over Balazs et al; (d) Claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and/or 35 U.S.C §103(a) over Hvidberg et al, are obviated by amendment.

As the Examiner recognizes, Claim 6 is free of the art of record. Consistent with this recognition, Applicants have amended the claims to depend from Claim 6. Therefore, Claim

6 and the claims dependent therefrom (i.e., Claims 3-5 and 7-10) are free from the art of record and should be allowable.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants request withdrawal of these grounds of rejection.

Applicants submit that the present application is ready for allowance. Early notice to this effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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